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LETTER DATED 20 APRIL 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the Arabic and English texts of the Peace Agreement for the Great Lakes Region, signed at Sirte, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, on 18 April 1999 by: His Excellency Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda; His Excellency Mr. Laurent-Désiré Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; His Excellency Mr. Idriss Deby, President of the Republic of Chad; His Excellency Mr. Isaias Afwerki, President of the State of Eritrea; and Leader of the Revolution Colonel Muammar Al-Qadhafi, coordinator of the peace process in the Great Lakes region.

I further have the honour to inform you that it has been decided to deploy ceasefire monitors from Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Zambia.

As they express the hope that it will end the ongoing conflicts in the Great Lakes region and that it will bring stability and achieve peace, given that the situation in the region is of major concern to the United Nations, the signatories to the Agreement seek support for the implementation of the Agreement and the achievement of the desired objective.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abuzed Omar DORDA
Permanent Representative

Annex

[Original: Arabic and English]

Peace agreement

On the basis of the O.A.U. Charter , of the first Cairo Summit in 1964 calling to respect the pre – independence terms,

In view of the military operations in the Great Lakes region leading to the destabilization of peace and security within various states ,

opening the door before foreign interventions , which hinder the aims of the Continent towards development and integration ,

Out of Sirte mini- Summit on 30/09/1998 relative to the current conflict on the Great Lakes region,

Confirming the Lusaka Summit held from 13 to 16/ 01/1999 , the preceding meetings and the achieved results aimed at finding a lasting peaceful solution to the conflict in C.D.R,

Realizing the tragedies of the awful massacres as a result of the armed strife in the region ,

The signatories to this agreement have decided the following :-

1- Affirm the security and integrity of the political borders of all states.
2- Immediate cessation of hostilities to pave the way for dialogue and peaceful solution.
3- Deployment of neutral african peace keeping forces in the area where there are troops of Uganda ,Rwanda and Burundi inside the C.D.R.
4- Withdrawal of ugandan and rwandans troops will be timed with the arrival of the African peace forces.
5- The signatories to this agreement condemn all acts of violence and mass murder, and affirm the need to chase the killers , punish and disarm them .
6- Encourage C.D.R. to initiate a national dialogue for all parties .

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7- Withdrawal of all foreign forces present in the C.D.R. as soon as peace agreement is reached.

8- All parties pledge to refrain from taking actions to overthrow the regime in the C.D.R. .

9- Respect the principle of non interference in the internal affairs of countries.

10- Stress the continuity of the leading role of the brother leader as peace coordinator in the Great Lakes region , in creating the climate and mechanism and to liaise with President Shiloba and to accelerate the process of peace .

Done in Sirte on 18 / 04 / 1429 (1999).

H.E Yowere Kaguta Moseveni
President of Republic of Uganda

H.E. Idriss Deby
President of Republic of Tchad

H.E Issaias Afeworki
President of State of Eritrea

H.E. Laurant desire Kabila
President of the Democratic Republic of Congo

Col. Mummar El Gaddafi
Leader of Great El – Fateh Revolution
and Co-ordinator of Peace Process in the Great Lakes